

The following message from his Excellency the Governor, was taken from the Speaker's stand and read.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Austin, Texas, 1st February, 1856. }

Gentlemen of the Senate

and House of Representatives :

I have thought it proper to inform you, that in case there shall not be sufficient time between this and your adjournment on the 4th inst. for me to examine and decide upon the large number of bills that will be presented for approval, I may have to avail myself of the right to retain some of them for final action, until your adjourned session in July next. In contemplation of law, your present meeting and that to take place in July next, will be one continued session, and any bill sent to me for approval between this time and your adjournment on Monday, may be returned within five days, exclusive of Sundays and the days that will intervene between your adjournment on Monday, and your re-assembling in July.

The Attorney General concurs with me in the view I take of this subject, and I presume it will not be questioned by any one. This communication is made to you so that if any bills are not finally acted on by me before your adjournment, you may be advised that it is because I have not had sufficient time to examine them, and also that if any of them are not approved by me, they will be returned to you for reconsideration at the adjourned session.

It is my intention, however, to act upon all bills sent to me before Monday, if it is possible for me to do so. Message received.